

BULLETIN 1

Saturday 10th January, 2015

Session Times

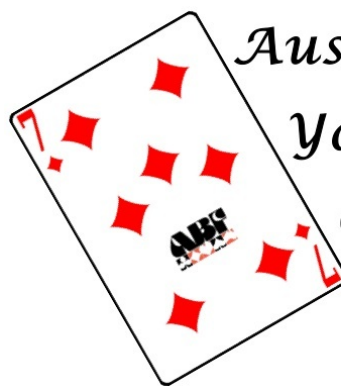
Saturday

Beginners Session	10:00am
Pairs Qualifying Session 1	1:30pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Pairs Qualifying Session 2	7:30pm

Session Times

Sunday

Pairs Final/Consolation S1	10:00am
<i>Lunch (Not included)</i>	<i>1:30pm</i>
Pairs Final/Consolation S2	2:15pm
Pairs Prize Giving	5:50pm
DINNER	6:30pm
Crazy Pairs	7:30pm



Australian Youth Bridge Championships

If you have any interesting(ly bad) hands, feel free to tell Andy about it!

G'day Everyone!

Welcome to the Australian Youth Bridge Week for 2015. In particular, welcome to our new players and our international players from New Zealand, Portugal, and Germany!. Good luck and have an awesome time!

We have another new venue this year – Bruce Hall at the Australian National University. The one big advantage is that it is within the Canberra City!

This year, we have about 47 participants, not as much as last year where a whopping 78 of us had participated. We may not have set a new record, but it is always good to see most people back for more fun!

Elainne and I would like to extend a big welcome to Phil Gue, the current Chairman of the Australian Youth Bridge Committee, who is generously donating his time to as the Chief Tournament Director!

During the week, other than our usual Youth Pairs, Teams, and Butler events, we will continue to hold the enjoyable events such as Speedball, Crazy Pairs, and a Goulash Tournament.

The target events for the team selected by the Butler are APBF Junior Champs in Bangkok, Thailand, and World Open Youth Champs in Opatija, Croatia.

GLHF,

(Good luck, have fun)

Dave and Elainne

Some of the things that are the same this year:

- ♦ Most things.
- ♦ Bulletins in colour.
- ♦ Cliff Wake played as Board-A-Match
- ♦ Hot weather.
- ♦ Katniss Everdeen returns.

Some of the changes for this year:

- ♦ New Venue.
- ♦ Australian U25 team Selection (first two pairs at the conclusion of Butler I automatically qualify for the U25 team).
- ♦ No Matty.
- ♦ Only dinner meals provided for onsite full-week participants.
- ♦ No archery session ☹
- ♦ New Zealand Test Match only on Saturday 17th.
- ♦ Orla Harris, Pedro Saavedra (from Portugal!), Kate Does. Welcome!
- ♦ No Matty.
- ♦ Drinking/staying up late/Mafia is in the Junior common room.
- ♦ Super Smash Bros 64 Knockouts sign up list will be put up on a wall.

Suit Combination Quiz (For Ed who's not here).

How do you play these suits for five winners?

♣ KQJ942 (Dummy)

♣ 3 (Your hand)

How about now?

♥ KQT942 (Dummy)

♥ 3 (Your hand)

CONTEST!

Brought to you by Andy Hung and the Australian Youth Bridge Bulletin

Throughout youth week, you will play many bridge hands. You might play badly on some, but very awesomely on others! And we are interested in those awesome hands. Submit the hand (along with the auction and play, names of partner/opponents optional) to Andy, before the start of the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler (afternoon of 17th January 2014). Winners will be declared in the following categories:

Categories and Prizes	
Cooler hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card*
Best beer carded hand of the week	\$20 Wish Gift Card*

*Wish Gift Card (**important**) participating stores: **Dan Murphy's, BWS, Cellarmasters, Woolworths, Big W, Caltex-Woolworths, Thomas Dux, and Masters Home Improvement.**

Contest Rules:

1. Multiple entries accepted.
2. Entries close before the last round (R18) of the Youth Butler is started, with winners announced during the prize giving ceremony (after last round of Youth Butler).
3. For beer card declarer related hands it cannot be in a diamond contract, nor a No-Trump contract where the diamond suit is the main source of tricks i.e. 8+ diamond card fit. Anything goes for a defensive beer card.



The Inaugural Best Beer Card Trophy
Kindly donated by Dave Thompson

◀◀ Classic Rewind ▶▶ 2010

Maximum Deception

By Cliff Wake

Board 6 from the first session of the Pairs Final displayed a masterful piece of deceptive defence from **Max Henbest**.

Andy Hung and Sam Schulz bid to 6♠, with the following cards, on the ♣3 lead:

(Sam)

♠ T764

♥ 3

♦ T7

♣ KT9842

(Griff)

♠ 32

♥ J862

♦ K983

♣ Q53

(Maxy)

♠ J9

♥ AT754

♦ 654

♣ J76

♠ AKQ85

♥ KQ9

♦ AQJ2

♣ A

(Andy)

Griff

—

P

P

P

P

Sam

—

2♦*

4♥*

5♦*

P

Maxy

—

P

P

P

P

Andy

2♣*

2♠

4NT*

6♠

After winning the ♣A, Andy led the ♠A and Maxy sowed the initial seeds of doubt by dropping the Jack (from ♠J9). Andy now played ♥K to Maxy's Ace, who played back a Club thinking Griff might have a singleton.



With the same concern, Andy ruffed high with the ♠Q. Now Andy needed to establish and then cash Clubs to avoid taking the Diamond finesse, but as this might have required two entries to dummy he fell for Maxy's swindle and took the 'marked' finesse by playing ♠5 to the ♠7. This was somewhat embarrassing when Maxy won with the ♠9!

Dining area for dinner is at W.P. Packard
Dining Hall (Ground Floor)

Playing area is the Bernhard Neumann Room

Communal room is the Junior Common Room



2014 Australian U25 Team: (L to R) Andy Hung (npc), Nabil Edgtton, Alexander Smirnov (coach), Jamie Thompson, Adam Edgtton, Laura Ginnan, Stephen Williams, Justin Howard



2014 Australian Girls Team: (L to R) Renee Cooper, Ellena Moskovsky, Lauren Travis, Alexander Smirnov (coach), Andy Hung (npc), Ella Pattison, Kirsty Fuller, Jessica Brake



2014 Australian U25 and Girls Team

Interview with Pedro Saavedra & Katherine Does



Q: Name (and Nickname):

Pedro

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?

About 15 years

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?

♦A, I always win the trick with this card. There is also some sentimental value to it.

Q: Any memorable bridge moments?

I once underled my ace against a slam and dummy put KJ10 in the suit. Declarer played jack but partner didn't cover it with the queen... sad face

Q: We do not condone this, but how many Ellena's do you think you can beat up?

Studies None.

Q: What do you do?

I'm an exchange student here at the UNSW finishing my MBA. I study at the London Business School.

Q: Yoda vs. Magneto?

Yoda, because he got the movez.



Q: Name (and Nickname):

Kate.

Q: How long have you been playing bridge?

A couple of months, learnt from Francesca.

Q: Favourite card in the deck, and why?

♠A, it's majestic!

Q: Any memorable bridge moments?

I once kept on trumping my partner's winners and didn't even realise until the end.

Q: We do not condone this, but how many Ellena's do you think you can beat up?

Aww, I think maximum 2. That would be a challenge

Q: What do you do?

I study Biochemistry.

Q: Yoda vs. Magneto?

Magneto, he can take anyone with the metal thing.

PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS



Paul Lavings is a frequent supporter of the Australian Youth Bridge scene and he generously donates bridge books as prizes for the Australian Youth Bridge Week. He has represented Australia in our Open Team many times, including his recent success in the winning team at the 2012 and 2013 Australian Open Team Playoffs, and the 2012 Autumn National Open Teams in Adelaide. He also owns a bridge book and supplies company, so make sure to visit his website at www.bridgegear.com and contact him if you are in any need of a bridge book or CD. (P.S. Paul offers a good price on bridge books for youth players so be sure to check his website out!)

How To Improve Your Bridge

by Paul Lavings, Sydney

Reading bridge books is the best way to improve, and *How to Improve Your Bridge* is the title of one of Hugh Kelsey's (1926-1995) excellent books. Kelsey created a sensation in 1966 with the first of his 45 bridge books, *Killing Defence at Bridge*. Although the 100-odd defensive problems are mostly bread and butter situations, the majority of experts rate below 50% in solving them. This deal is from the chapter *More Counting*:

♠Q5

♥T7

♦AKQ

♣AQJ932

N

W

E

S

♠KT63

♥943

♦9742

♣K5

W	N	E	S
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead: ♠2

Your partner leads ♠2 and the ♠5 is played from dummy. How do you plan the defence?

Your partner figures to have ♠A, otherwise ♠Q would be played from dummy. If declarer has ♠J and ♥A it would be fatal to duck, as declarer would now have 9 tricks. You must play ♠K and switch to ♥9:

♠A972

♥KJ82

♦T65

♣T7

N

W

E

S

♠J84

♥AQ65

♦J83

♣864

If West is allowed to win ♥J, it will be clear to switch back to spades. The full deal (right):

♠Q5

♥T7

♦AKQ

♣AQJ932

N

W

E

S

♠A972

♥KJ82

♦T65

♣T7

♠KT63

♥943

♦9742

♣K5

♠J84

♥AQ65

♦J83

♣864

Most of Kelsey's early books feature card play situations in the problem format, with solution overleaf. But beware, in those days English books were reprinted in the USA under a different title, though they were the same word for word.

E/All

♠ KQJ T 9 7
♥ - - -
♦ AK 9
♣ QJ 5 3

♠ - - -
♥ 8 7 6 5 3
♦ Q 8 6 5 2
♣ A 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 6 5 3 2
♥ AK
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 9 2

♠ 4
♥ Q J T 9 4 2
♦ J T
♣ K T 8 7

W	N	E	S
-	-	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4♥
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lead: ♣ Ace

Lead: Ace

It takes an initial low club lead to defeat the contract.

I don't say Kelsey's books are mandatory reading, but if you wish to boost your technique immeasurably, and have a lot of enjoyment doing it, then get into Kelsey. He'll teach you to THINK.

www.bridgegear.com

To show your appreciation of Paul's generosity buy your bridge books from Paul Lavings Bridge Books & Supplies.



Main Events Schedule	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
SAT 10th	Beginners (10:00am)	Pairs QF1 (1:30pm)	Awards (6:00pm) Pairs QF2 (7:30pm)
SUN 11th	Pairs Final (10:00am)	Pairs Final(2:15pm)	Crazy Pairs (7:30pm)
MON 12th	Teams (11:00am)	Teams (1:30pm)	Teams (7:30pm)
TUES 13th	Teams (10:00am)	Teams (1:45pm)	Cliff Wake (7:30pm) Butler Stage I and Side Butler (8:10pm)
WED 14th	Butler Stage I and Side Butler (10:00am)	Butler Stage I and Side Butler(1:30pm)	Butler Stage I and Side tournament (7:30pm)
THURS 15th	Butler Stage I Side Butler(10:00am)	Butler Stage I Side Butler (1:30pm)	Butler Stage I and Side tourney (7:30pm)
FRI 16th	Butler Stage I and Side tourney (10:00am)	Butler Stage I and Side tourney (1:30pm)	Prize Giving (4:15pm) BBQ! (6:00pm)
SAT 17th	Butler IIA (12:15pm) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIA (3:20pm) Test Match v NZ	Butler IIA (5:30pm) Test Match v NZ
SUN 18th	Butler IIA (12:15pm)	Butler IIA (3:20pm)	Butler IIA (5:30pm)

A note to all Under-25 Team Selection Butler participants

This year we are using a slightly different format:

- 1st **AND** 2nd place finishers of Stage I Butler will automatically qualify for the Australian U25 team.
- 3rd to 6th finishers of Stage I Butler will compete in the second stage of the Butler for the final place
- There is a Test Match vs. a New Zealand team **only on Saturday** (held concurrently with Stage II of the Butler). The Australian team for the test match will be the two pairs who placed 1st and 2nd in the Stage I of the Butler. The winning team of this Test Match be will crowned the Stern-Cornell Trophy!

Suit Combinations Answers How do you play these suits for five winners?

♣ KQJ942 (Dummy)

♥ KQT942 (Dummy)

♣ 3 (Your hand)

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ANSWER: Lead low to the KING! Then continue with the Queen.

Low to the 9 loses to Axxx-Tx, Axx-Txx, and xxxx-AT. Low to the K loses to ATxx-xxx and Txxx-Ax. Other combinations come out equal.

ANSWER: Low to the 9.

Low to the 9 loses to Axxx-Jx and xxxx-AJ. Low to the K loses to AJx-xxx, and Jxx-Axx. There are more combinations for the latter two so low to the 9 is the better line.